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Chairman: Mr. ANDO

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The public meeting was called to order at 12.50 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL UNDER ARTICLE 45 OF THE COVENANT AND ARTICLE 6 OF THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL (agenda item 7)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited members of the Committee to consider and adopt the draft annual report section by section, beginning with chapter I (CCPR/C/48/CRP.1).

2. Sections A and B were adopted.

Section C

3. Ms. EVATT said she would like her name to be preceded by "Ms.", instead of "Mrs.", in paragraph 6.

4. Mr. FRANCIS requested that the initial "B." should be inserted before his given name in paragraph 6.

5. Section C, as amended, was adopted.

6. Sections D, E, F and G were adopted.

Section H

7. Mr. POCAR recalled that the report for the previous year (A/47/40) had included a section devoted to the Yearbook (Official Records) of the Human Rights Committee; in that section, the Committee had expressed the desire for the Yearbook's publication to be accelerated. He proposed to revert to that matter in the current report and to mention the donation received for that purpose.

8. Mr. AGUILAR URBINA (Rapporteur) said he would draft a paragraph on that subject for insertion in section H.

9. Section H, as amended, was adopted.

Section I

10. Mr. AGUILAR URBINA (Rapporteur) said that in paragraph 23, the blank in the second line should be replaced by the words "fifty-first".

11. Section I, as amended, was adopted.

12. Section J was adopted.

13. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to a text on the World Conference on Human Rights (M/CCPR/93/28), which he invited the Committee to adopt.

14. Mr. AGUILAR URBINA (Rapporteur) proposed the deletion of the part of the third sentence, beginning with the word "entitled", so that the text would simply mention the document symbols.

15. Mr. HERNDL said he was of a completely different opinion. If that proposal were adopted, those documents would not be set out in an annex. Yet they were of great importance, and it was essential to incorporate them as an annex to the Committee's report. Otherwise, it would no longer be possible to find them among the Committee's documentation, since they had been drafted for the World Conference.

16. It was also important to use the exact title in each case. The document mentioned in the third sentence ("Recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of United Nations activities and mechanisms") actually corresponded to the title of an agenda item for the World Conference on Human Rights, under which the Committee's two documents had been submitted. The third sentence should be corrected accordingly.

17. Mr. POCAR said the section devoted to the World Conference on Human Rights should be inserted, not in chapter I, but in chapter II of the Committee's annual report.

18. Mr. AGUILAR URBINA (Rapporteur) said it appeared that all members wished to see documents A/CONF.157/TBB/2 and A/CONF.157/TBB/3 set out in an annex, and wanted their exact titles to be reflected in the new section to be devoted to the World Conference on Human Rights. He thought it was indeed appropriate to incorporate that new section in chapter II, and not in chapter I.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.